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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation(WHO) has expressed its dissatisfaction over the condition of health services in India ;

(b) if so, whether the problems regarding maternal mortality/malnutrition among children are very critical in India;

(c) whether the number of patients suffering from contagious and non-contagious diseases like heart disease ,diabetes, cancer T.B. etc. is very high;

(d) whether 80 per cent of health services in India is under the private sector; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government for monitoring of the health services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b): The World Health Report- 2005 released by the WHO ranks India amongst the 51 countries which have shown a slow decline in reducing infant mortality rate and maternal mortality ratio.

The National Population Policy- 2000 and the National Health Policy -2002 have laid down goals for bringing down the infant mortality rate to less than 30 per 1,000 live births and maternal mortality ratio to less 100 per 100,000 live births by the year 2010. Malnutrition is also a challenge occurring due to the factors like poverty, lack of nutritional awareness, unsafe drinking water, sanitation, etc.

(c): The number of cancer patients in India is 2 to 2.5 million which includes 7 to 9 lakh new cases every year. The prevalence of hypertension is 5 to 10 per cent amongst the adult population of rural and urban areas respectively. Similarly, the prevalence of diabetes is 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 per cent in rural and urban areas respectively. As far as TB is concerned, 1.8 million new cases arise every year of which 0.8 million are smear positive infectious cases responsible for spread of the disease.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e) : The Government has recently launched the National Rural Health Mission which aims to tackle health problems in a holistic manner. While the Mission is applicable to the entire country, it has its special focus on 18 States which have poor health and demographic indicators.